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Regional Survey/Special Course: Economic Geography of the Soviet Bloc

In compliance with your instructions, an outline of the Special Course, subject as above is submitted for your approval and any action you may deem necessary.

AREA TRAINING PROGRAM
REGIONAL SURVEY/SPECIAL COURSE: ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY OF THE SOVIET BLOC

OBJECTIVE

The course is designed for the personnel whose duties require the knowledge of the basic geographic factors as they affect the economic development of that portion of the Eurasian continent which is identified with the term "Soviet Bloc".

CONTENTS

The course undertakes to survey that part of Eurasia which is occupied by the USSR and its European satellites. A brief survey of location, topography, and other physical features is followed by a more detailed analysis of the distribution of economic activities in the various regions of the Soviet Bloc in relation to their physical environment. These activities embrace the extractive, agricultural, and manufacturing industries; labor resources; the development of transportation and communication; and commercial relations within and outside the Bloc.

PROCEDURE

The principal instructor will present the bulk of the instructional material. Outside speakers will be invited to assist in the presentation of specialized information. Formal instruction will be supplemented by practical exercises, discussions and visual aids. Basic texts will be supplemented by reading assignments and periodic handouts. A short report will be submitted by each student as a part of the total requirements for credit in the course. The class will meet from 1000 to 1200 hours every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11 March through 19 April, 1957.

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